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AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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RELIEF MATERIAL TO EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of tonnes of relief material, food including sugar, salt, blankets, tents from India and abroad continued to be in the open in Bhuj Airport for days together after the earthquake that hit Gujarat on January 26, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for rampant mismanage in handling the crisis; and

(c) the corrective steps taken to improve the crisis management system?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): No such report has been received from the Government of Gujarat.

(c): The distribution of relief on ground is the responsibility of the State Government.